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Luminita Pricop, M.D.

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For: HUMAN FcyRIIB GENE POLYMORPHISMS
FOR ASSESSING DEVELOPMENT OF
SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS AND
COMPOSITIONS FOR USE THEREOF

Examiner: Channing Mahatan

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a one month extension of time to and including August 29, 2004 to respond to the Office Action mailed June 29, 2004.

This petition is being filed in order to ensure copendency with application being filed concurrently herewith.

In the event that a further petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted at this time, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to ensure that the above-identified application does not become abandoned.

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Our check in the amount of \$55.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1) is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency of up to \$300.00 or credit any excess in this fee to Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

Dated: August 18, 2004

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